New to Dread? Welcome to the biggest mixed community on the dark web. Mixed as in - drugs, fraud, hacking, paranoids and feds alike. You can find anything here. It's been here for almost 8 years and if by some chance you're actually the first time here, you will love this post.

a. Basic things to do before anything.

Read the site rules. You can find them at the bottom of this page. It's very important you do that before anything.

Read the DNM Bible at /d/dnmbible to know the basics of online anonymity and safety, so you don't get caught.

Understand that while you're not breaking any laws by being here, you will break some by interacting with people here.

Understand that this is an open space, so even feds crawl around here, means you need to keep your guard up.

b. You need operational security.

/d/OpSec will help you with any questions you have about operational security.

/d/Monero will teach you about the most private cryptocurrency available, Monero.

/d/pgppractice is where you practice and test encryption using PGP - highly important.

/d/recon to get safe links to the dark web.

c. Research before buying drugs, if that's your thing.

/d/darknetmarkets will show you the most trusted marketplaces right now.

/d/darknetmarketsnoobs is for questions about marketplaces, ordering, etc.

/d/coke, /d/mdma, /d/danknation and more - will get you info on the drugs you're buying, vendors and such.

/d/harmreduction is self-explanatory, so stay safe, don't fuck yourself up.

/d/vendorsuperlist is a place for verified vendors, you can find some good ones there.

d. Fraud and hacking communities (Although not the biggest).

/d/hacking is for general black hat operations.

/d/fraud, /d/carding, /d/banks is if you're looking to fuck with the financial system.

/d/drainers is for the crypto-scammers here, I know there's plenty of you lot.

e. Looking for work or to sell something?

/d/freelance, /d/fraudship, /d/jobs4crypto will get you jobs and partners.

/d/fairtrade will escrow you to avoid getting scammed.

Lastly, be nice to people. It'd be even nicer if you donated to Dread of bought premium, you get the cool "P-enis" badge. If anything is missing from this post let me know and I will update it, or remove things as needed. Good luck.

A great reminder to: Stop using proprietary operating systems and use Linux/BSD instead.

As the title says, you should not use proprietary OS's for operations security or privacy/anonymity at all

Yes, I am serious when I said that. Why? Because every time you see a random message or a news article that a random journalist or some random nobody got busted down because of the use of proprietary software, such as an OS itself. Then that is a clear sign that you start using Linux or BSD instead (normally I would recommend Linux instead, but I do want to say that if you want to stay away from Linux for some reason, (Free)BSD is right for you).

Just to say that, what your doing in Windows is being monitored 24/7. Sure, you could use it if you are a journalist or a person who doesn't exactly do anything sensitive but keep it compartmentalized between using Windows and Tails/Whonix or some other linux distro like Debian for example. Lets not forget or pretend that just because you use MacOS because it is (moderately) private, doesn't mean that you are actually private or anonymous because you use something that is advertised right in your face, claiming to be privacy-friendly, which isn't true at all, it is a marketing tactic after all.

How do you know whats its doing? What is it doing behind the background? Are they really fixed in terms of vulnerabilities or bugs? How do we know if they are telling the truth in their privacy policy and terms of service, even in their announcements or blogs? Etc, we want more answers then questions being asked by us, the people who benefit anonymity and privacy.

I want people to realize that you can achieve privacy and anonymity using FOSS software in Windows, you can't, that is impossible. Privacy is not a spectrum, its binary, you either have 0 privacy or you either have 1 turned on for privacy and anonymity, you either have privacy or you don't. The ⚠Whonix documentation⚠ literally says it all, Windows is considered malware by definition according to the FSF, why do you care about using "QubesOS" when you can literally use any sort of Linux distribution such as Linux Mint, CachyOS, Debian, Devuan, Artix Linux, or even the people behind Whonix or the past members of Whonix named KickSecureOS, it is why it is recommended by the ⚠OpSec Bible⚠ itself.

Pick your poison, stick to getting in trouble by the LE and be put in prison if you do something

sensitive? Or do the work of honor and stay safe when using FOSS Software, only. What you did right now or yesterday, might be illegal tomorrow or the next few years. There is a reason why I recommend you guys to do some bear bones research and do the work in order to stay safe online.

That is a great reminder, and that is why the OpSec Bible recommends us to have multiple set ups for Sensitive and Anonymous use cases, hell, even Public and Private use cases. I follow by their bible, nothing else. No need for that darknet users bible to rely on anymore, it is outdated anyway.

People give Linux distributions far too much credit solely because it doesn't have invasive telemetry but they neglect that it is far behind both Windows and MacOS in desktop security.

it really does depend on what you're doing, when and where... there are plenty of cases where having multiple set ups to avoid attention are necessary, someone should post a reminder to STOP PROPOSING ONE-SIZE-FITS-ALL OPSEC "SOLUTIONS".
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